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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 5TH, 1878.

The Chinese Government has apparently,
after much procrastination, commenced sending
Commissars and representatives abroad.The Embassy to Great Britain was the first
step in this direction, but after the despatch
of H.E. Kwon Sun-kyo and his colleague
to London, the Authorities at Peking seemed
to be in some doubt as to the expediency ofsending representative to other countries.
They intended, it would seem, sending Ministers
to Germany, France, the United States, Peru,
Japan, and other countries, but as far as the
programme has been only partially carried
out. Few Consuls have been appointed as yet,
and there has been considerable delay in
sending them to their destinations. The
Government of Peking has, however, lately
been doing something towards carrying out
this scheme. A Chinese Minister and Consul
have been sent to Japan, and we nowlearn from the Java papers that a Chinese Con-
sulate is about to be established in each of the
three chief towns of Netherlands India. TwoChinese officials have arrived in Batavia
with credentials from Peking, who will, we
presume, act as Consuls. The third has
yet to be appointed. The commercial inter-
course between China and Java has been in-creasing of late years, and is likely to be
materially extended. Chinese are emigrating
between China and Java, but what authority
there is for the report we are unable to say.The statement, however, is by no means
improbable, since the Chinese Authorities are
largely interested in the success of the
China Merchants' Steam Navigation Com-
pany, and it is very likely that they wish to
extend the operations of that privileged com-
pany. In Hongkong is being carriedout a monopoly of a lucrative one, if possible,
and will lose no man of doing so. The
establishment of Consulates in Netherlands
India is not dictated solely by regard for the
interests of the Chinese residing there, wethink, judging by his action of the Peking
Government in deferring the despatch of
Consuls to other places where they are even
more needed. We should like to advise thatthe Imperial Government of China had grown
more regardful of the interests of its subjects
abroad, but it is difficult, in the face of the
indifference it has hitherto shown to the welfareof its subjects in foreign lands, to entertain
such a conviction. It is to be hoped that a
new policy is about to be inaugurated by the
Chinese Government in the emigration ques-tion. The old law forbidding emigration
should be formally repealed, and the surplus
population should be encouraged to seek their

fortunes in new and undeveloped countries.

The concluding section of the entertainment

Practically, emigration has been sanctioned
by the Peking Authorities by the conclusion
of the Treaty with Peru, which officially re-
cognizes it. The present difficult situation in
the North shows the urgent necessity existing
for securing an outlet for some of the mil-
lions who find such difficulty in obtaining
a home substance in the Central Kingdom.
Considering the terrible straits to which the
people are often reduced, and, to which,
owing to their dependence upon the crops,
they are always liable, it is the bounden duty
of the Government of this densely-peopled
empire to promote such an exodus as will
relieve the over-crowded labour market. The
appointment of Consular officers to those
countries where Chinese emigrants congregate
is a necessary step in connection with the
recognition of emigration, and we trust that
the establishment of Chinese Consulates in
Java is only the commencement of a great
change in the foreign policy of China.The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire)
inform us that the Ocean Steamship Company's
steamer "Stentor" was to leave Singapore for this
port yesterday morning.Going to the dispossession of the Chief Justice,
he has been remitting of the Supreme Court
for the arguments set down for hearing on
Thursday and yesterday. The trial of the
enemies of the Queen is fixed for the 10th inst.The undressed yacht-matches left over from the
Regatta and which could not be sailed last week
owing to want of wind, will be once more tried
to-day. The yacht will start at 10 o'clock, the
course, station, and conditions being the same
as last arranged. Should the leading vessel be
unable to complete three rounds of the course
before 4 o'clock, the match will be decided
by the result of the second round.The "Jacobs Oracle" gave the following
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EXTRACTS.

THE RUSSIANS OF TO-DAY.

SOCIETY.
IDEA IN THE WOOD.
Before her lay a vast and tranquil lake,
And wading in its shadowed silent bays,
Great stocks of golden white aldergreen prunes
Stood sentinel, while far off o'er the land
Swam the wild water lily's silken leaves.
Still was the place also, yet evermore
A stir amid the stillness, for behold,
At every breath of the warm summer wind
Blown on the beaming bosom of the lake,
The white swans of the new-born flocks
A pinch of gold dust in the heart of each;
Rose from the bubbling depths and rose up,
And floated luminous with cups of snow.
Across that water stood a swan,
It fell upon the funeral mother's bier.
Like coolent morning dew, and 'tis the stool
Beneath the arch of heaven, the light
Sits there 'tis fairer than a lotus' leaf,
Most gentle and subdued. Then while she paused
Close to the rippling shallows sows with roses,
Those grace and stork arose above her head
In one vast cloud of flying green and gold,
The life returned to the limbs known'd.
Till all the waters gladd'd the gold and silver;
And lo! the sun went sailing up the east
And 'twixt the clouds of blue, and on the sea,
Shot sudden rays of lightning-snow.
Until the golden veiled her dazzling eye,
And with the heavier whiteness of her feet
Her bosom heaved, till of that tremulous glo
She seem'd a shrivelling part.
From "Boles the Beautiful." By Robert Buchanan.

SERVING A WRIT.
An Irish gentleman, whose solicitor had
mainly endeavoured to serve a writ on an ex-
M.P. for an Irish borough, hit upon the
following plan: Having sealed a stone
bottle with an imposing crest and marked it
"poste," he forwarded it by an intelligent well-
lad of thirteen, who was previously well-in-
structed, as by present from a friend in the
West-end, with instructions to be delivered to
himself. The bat took it. "There is a note,"
I believe, in the wrapper sir," observed the
messenger; "and perhaps it would require
an answer." The ex-M.P. nudged the news-
paper in which the present was folded, and
took out an envelope. "There's a writ in that
sir," cried the youngster; "you're served!"
And bounded out of sight in an instant.
The ex-M.P. looked as if he was converted into
stone. Molly, who had let the boy informed
with rage at being made the involuntary in-
strument of such a ruse.

FALSE HAIR.

Live hair, bought to use the technical
phrase, "on foot"—the hair of girls and
women hitherto submit their locks to the
shears—grows annually stouter and dearer.
When the modest demand for tresses was
influenced by a few elderly dames in need
of wigs, the supply was easily secured by agents
who bargained with the peasant maidens
of Brittany and Auvergne. Paris alone would
now consume all, and more than all, of the
available capillary crop in France, and Mar-
sella, the present centre of the hair trade,
deals with Spain, the East, and especially the
Two Sicilies, for the forty tons of dark hair
which she annually makes up into sixty-five
thousand chignons. "Dead hair," in some
thing of a sinister, apocalyptic sound, but as
certain could not be made at the price, it may
be comfortable to know that the original
owners of the raw material are, likely not
alive and well. Rappickers value no
unconsidered hair and stay of the street,
short of a gold ring or a silver spoon, so
highly as the clothed combings of female
hair, soon to be washed with bran and potash
scrubbed, sifted, glazed, and sorted. There
are, commercially, seven colours of hair,
three degrees of length. Much dead hair
enters into the cheaper of the three hundred
and fifty thousand "pieces" annually made
in France. The dearest chignon costs a
few and twenty pounds; the cheapest a
fifteenth part of that amount. England is the
best consumer, and these our buds come
America. —All the Year Round.

LENGTHS OF FINGERS.

Professor Ecker, of the University of Fri-
burg, was the first to make investigation of
the relative lengths of the index and ring
fingers on the hand. The question, indeed,
is more complex than might at first be sup-
posed. If you look at your hand you will
very likely see that there is an appreciable
difference of length in your index and
your ring finger. In some persons it is the
ring finger which is longer; in others it
is the index; and in some the two fingers are
equal. Ecker has proved from a study of
apes that the index is always shorter than
the ring finger in the gorilla, chimpanzee, and
the orang-outang. From an inquiry con-
ducted by one of his students in Philadelphia
on 25 negroes and 24 negroes, it resulted that:
1. In the 24 negroes the ring finger was found
to be in 24 cases longer than the index (2
millimetres on an average); in one case only
was the length of the fingers the same. 2.
In the 24 negroes the ring finger was in 15
cases the longer (from 2 to 14 millimetres);
in three cases the length was nearly the same;
in six cases the index was found to be the
longer (2 to 6 millimetres). Ecker observed
that the ring finger was the longer in a Hot-
tentot and in an Australian, while several
natives in the Sandwich Islands presented a
much greater length in the index. Euro-
peans the index is sometimes the shorter,
sometimes the longer. In females the ring
finger is often the shorter. In works of art
and of antiquity the index is often found
to be longer than the ring finger—for example
in the "Dying Gladiator," the "Apollo
Belvedere," the "Venus de Medici," and
the "Venus of the Vatican." In modern
works of art there are great differences.
Canova, Titian, and Ary Scheffer give the
greater length to the index. Lastly, without
formulating a general law, Ecker thinks that
the greater length of the index forms a
higher character of the hand, and he finds it
more common in the hand of women. An
Italian professor, M. Paolo Mantegazza, has
recently taken up the question and published
the results of his researches in the "Archivio
per Antropologia e la Clinica." We give
the following brief summary of his studies.
In a series of 712 observations, he found
the index longer than the ring finger in both
hands in men, 27; in women, 64. The
index shorter in men, 309; in women 194.
Sometimes shorter, sometimes longer; sometimes
equal in each hand, 116 times. Thus
the most constant fact in the index is the
shorter; the rarest fact is equality of length
of the two fingers in both hands. M. Man-
tegazza has also observed that the longer index
occurred by preference in the hand of women;
but he is not prepared to say with Ecker
that the longer index is a sign of beauty;
and in fact, he has examined the hands of a large
number of very beautiful Italian wo-
men, and has found in some the index
longer, in others the index the shorter.
Further, the difference of length of the fingers
has no influence on the agility and dexterity
of the hand. M. Mantegazza, however,
counsels artists to give to the model perfect
type created by their imagination; whether
in painting or in sculpture, an index slightly
longer than the ring finger. "We do not see
any disadvantage in this. It is perfectly
natural, that the relatively length of the
index and the ring finger do not consti-
tute any sign of race; they are not an
anatomical character, and one could not
definitively affirm that man has the index
shorter than the ring finger or conversely."
Le Nature.

only force their way up slowly and surely.
The number of Germans in the steamer is
enormous, and while they leave the brilliant
opulence of foreigners, and this renders them
amiable to a point which quite charms a
stranger, the situation where power is
wielded over them is the reverse. The Ministers of
the Interior, governors of provinces, and generals of
the army are Russians; but the permanent
heads of departments, the governors-general,
and the officers of the military service
are mostly Germans; consequently a man
cannot assist an abuse without attacking a
Germans and bringing up a host of the latter's
countrymen to the rescue. The consequences
of this induces many Russians to speak
of their Government as if it were a thing which
they had no part or parcel, and it accounts
for the number of conspiracies formed
by men who profess loyalty to the Czar, but
devote themselves to aiming at the over-
throw of the official clique by whom their
monarch is held in bondage. Of course
these conspiracies end miserably, and it
is only very guidless enthusiasts who could
expect them to succeed, considering the power
of the police system which rests in German
hands. The cautious old-stock Russians hold
back from such things, and resign themselves
to a trust in Providence for the remedying
of such evils as they may individually deplore.
Meanwhile the depravity of Russian society
proceeds from the enforced idleness of its
lowest members. Being allowed no initiative
in any matter of reform, political or social—
and afraid, to disturb any body, confined to
intrigue or frivolous courtly duties—
they are consumed with envy, and seek
in extravagance, licentiousness, and sensation
a stimulus from the overpowering monotony
of existence. Nature has endowed many of
them with brilliant gifts, but Government
compression dwarfs their moral growth and
causes them to remain big children, whose
only object is to amuse and be amused, to
pose and provoke from foreigners if not real
admiration at least wonder and benevolent
hatred. —Pall Mall Gazette.